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SUBJECT: CODELS EILBERG AND BIDEN: TV COVERAGE

1. CZECHOSLOVAK TV COVERAGE OF CODELS, TAPED AUGUST 18-19, APPEARED ON EVENING NEWS AUGUST 20. AFTER INTRODUCTION BY TV REPORTER VEVJODA, CLIPS WERE SHOWN OF CHAIRMAN EILBERG INTERVIEWED IN FRONT OF HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL EXPLAINING PURPOSE OF VISIT AND DECLINING TO COMMENT ON US-CZECH BILATERAL RELATIONS, SINCE HIS GROUP CLAIMED NO FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERTISE. NEXT SHOTS WERE OF WIVES IN A PRAGUE STORE, PRIMARILY MRS. ZEFERETTI AND MRS. WIGGINS, THEN OF MEMBERS OF CODEL (HYDE, RUSSO, WIGGINS) DESCENDING FROM BUS FOLLOWING LIDICE-KARSTEJN VISIT. FINAL CLIP WAS OF DEPARTURE AUGUST 19. ONLY FIRST PART OF VEJVODA INTERVIEW OF SENATOCDBIDEN AT AIRPORT WAS SHOWN, PLUS BRIEF INTERVIEWS WITH MRS. RUSSO AND MRS. BIDEN.

2. THEME OF MATERIAL USED WAS "HOW DO YOU LIKE CZECHOSLOVAKIA?" AND "DID YOU KNOW MUCH ABOUT CZECHOSLOVAKIA BEFORE COMING?"

HONEST ADMISSIONS OF LACK OF KNOWLEDGE IN RESPONSE TO LATTER QUESTION AND EXPRESSIONS OF UNWILLINGNESS TO COMMENT ON BILATERAL RELATIONS WERE USED TO SET UP FINAL COMMENT BY VEJVODA--THAT IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE WESTERN PRESS DOES NOT INFORM ITS AUDIENCE BETTER ABOUT CZECHOSLOVAKIA. UNCLASSIFIED

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